

Lesson 7. POMEGRANATES



How time flies! The time to decorate the fruit has come. Let's start with a pomegranate leaf and go further. Using one strand of golden rayon, stitch the right side of the leaf. Spread short and long stitches following the curves of the leaf.



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Following the curves of the leaf while stitching provides beautiful colour-changing effect. If you do things right, your result should be very like mine (see the photograph on the left).



Now you need to work on the left side of the leaf. Using the same thread, set a series of long stitches to construct a decorative mesh.



Stitch on the crossings.



Place one "french knot" in the center of each diamond.



The leaf is ready!



Now you go to the fruit. Thread the needle with one strand of metalized thread (gilden) and secure the end of it on the reverse side of the work. Starting from the place marked with arrow, set sequins one by one.



First three sequins sew in one after another. To provide more stability, stitch each sequin with two stitches (see the diagram below).



The fourth - should be accompanied with a "pair". Sew on two sequins in a row.



One by one. One row after another. On reaching the wider area fill it in with one more sequin in a row.



If you do things right, your pomegranate should look like this.



At this point you must reduce the number of sequins in a row, continuing to colouring the peel of the pomegranate with "gold".



Reduce the number of sequins in a row gradually one by one, finishing with a single sequin in the end.



Do the same for the second part.



And, the cherry on top of the cake is a beautiful freshwater pearl. Sew it on to the heart of the pomegranate.





Go up, there is left a tiny pomegranate which is need to be decorated with a huge number of "french knots" that will construct the peel and give it velvet touch.



Using one strand of rayon thread, "spray" the knots setting them close to one another.



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Crown the pomegranate with glass beads (Toho round seed glass beads) the way it is shown in the photograph on the left. Do not forget about the "heart" - sew it on one golden bead.





The same beaded "crown" add to the big pomegranate.

Firstly - decorate the "heart".



Secondly - decorate the outside of the fruit.



The fruits are ready!